

## Our Leaders for Tomorrow Can Be Heard Today!

### *Our Mission Statement:*

*To provide an opportunity for the youth of Broken Arrow to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the American political system through active participation in that system.*

### *Commitment:*

*In order for the Youth City Council of Broken Arrow to be successful, the Mayor and members of the City Council have committed to take a personal interest in the program. An appointed City official will be assigned to serve as a liaison between the adult City Council and the Youth City Council.*



YCC in Joint Meeting with Tulsa's Youth Advisory Council at State Capitol



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2005 Youth Festival's "Battle of the Bands" Sponsored by the 2004-2005 Youth City Council



City Flag

## City of Broken Arrow

## Youth City Council



Oklahoma Lt. Governor Mary Fallin Welcomes Youth City Council to State Capitol



## Learning How Your City Works

# Broken Arrow Youth City Council

## Membership:

Youth City Council members shall be appointed by the Broken Arrow City Council from their respected wards through an application process. To be eligible for selection, you must be:

- **A resident of the City of BA**
- **A junior in high school**
- **Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA**
- **Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held**
- **Set a proper example for the youth of Broken Arrow**



YCC Tour New Justice Center/Jail

## Objectives:

- To provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City of Broken Arrow.
- To instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, to teach teamwork and respect for the rights and property of others, to promote community pride and to eliminate potential negative influences among our future community leaders.
- To assist youth in learning to identify needs, to organize activities and to participate with their adult counterparts in city programs.
- To become aware of community leaders and their concerns, and to gain an understanding of the issues, research process, politics and media influence that goes into city government involvement.
- To identify community opportunities and problems.
- To learn to set priorities for action and examine alternatives for best solutions.
- To become more involved in the democratic process.
- To allow youth to make a difference through their participation and contributions to city government and in service to the people of the City of Broken Arrow.
- To promote youth involvement and leadership in all areas of the City.



Mayor Carter at Youth City Council Meeting

## Curriculum:

### 1. Orientation

- Meet with City Council and City Manager Jim Twombly
- Past, current and future issues

### 2. Focus on Government

- Tour City facilities and departments
- Staff responsibilities
- Visit State Capitol

### 3. Shadowing of City Officials

- Mentor
- Various Boards, Committees

### 4. Attend Public Meetings

- Board of Adjustment
- Planning Commission
- City Council

### 5. Mock City Council Meeting

- Serve as a Council Member
- Address Key Issues

### 6. Prepare Report for City Council

- Activities
- Recommendations

